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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in an Office Action from the corresponding Chinese patent application. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a translated copy of the Office Action. Please note that one of the references cited, WO 01/70012, has already been submitted on June 23, 2006 as its US equivalent, US 6,029,395.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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